

## Sample Argumentative Multi-Paragraph Outline

<b>Topic:</b> Why climate change should be a top priority	
<b>Claim Statement:</b> If the government does not take immediate action on climate change, Connecticut residents will see sea levels rise and face more frequent air quality emergencies as a result of forest fires.	
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Opening:</b> My name is Jada, and I am an 8th-grade student from New Haven, Connecticut. <b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrote climate fiction</li><li>• Climate change threatens CT</li><li>• Make climate change a priority</li></ul> <b>Claim</b>
<b>Paragraph 1</b>	<b>Topic Sentence:</b> The government must take action to stop climate change because Connecticut is very vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot temps → Ice caps melt → sea level rise</li><li>• Sea level rise = floods and destruction</li><li>• Lio's mom points out where houses used to be</li><li>• "Sea level rise could increase 1.5–3 ft" (Our Changing Climate)</li><li>• "61% live on the coast" (Our Changing Climate)</li><li>• Many homes at risk</li></ul>
<b>Paragraph 2</b>	<b>Topic Sentence:</b> Along with sea level rise, rapidly increasing temperatures put Connecticut at much higher risk for air quality emergencies from forest fire smoke. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CT temps rising 2x faster than the US (What Climate Change Means)</li><li>• Hot temps → droughts → forest fires</li><li>• Lio has to wear a mask</li><li>• 2023 Canada fires → unsafe in CT</li><li>• "With climate change, these types of fires..." ("Air Quality Emergencies")</li></ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Rephrased claim:</b> In Connecticut, warming temperatures will lead to a long list of terrifying things, including the destruction of homes due to sea level rise and frequent air quality emergencies due to forest fires. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you for supporting climate legislation in the past</li><li>• More to do</li></ul> <b>So what/what next?:</b> I do not want to live in a world like Lio's. Please fight on behalf of my generation and all the generations to come.